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The following is a Dear Colleague letter from Congressman Christopher Cox:
Congress of the United States House of Representatives
August 22, 1995

KALININGRAD: A MENACE TO BALTIC FREEDOM

Dear Colleague:

Earlier this year, I introduced House Concurrent Resolution 51, calling on Russia to demilitarize the Kaliningrad area, currently the site of a massive Russian military enclave in the heart of the Baltic region. Russia's fifty year occupation of Kaliningrad, formerly German territory, remains unrecognized by international law.

Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland continue to view Russia's presence in the Baltics as a threat to their sovereignty, with good reason. Russian transit in and out of Kaliningrad has proved to be a pretext for unauthorized Russian military excursions into Baltic territory:

* Between December 1994 and March 1995 Russian military rail traffic traveling from Kaliningrad to Russia -- by way of Lithuania--totaled 2,148 train cars, 310 of which carried undeclared hazardous cargoes, most likely en route to Chechnya.

* 5,339 violations of Lithuanian air space were registered between April 1992 and May 1995. Three-fifths of these unathorized filights were to or from the Kaliningrad area.

* On April 1, 1995 armed Russian helicopters flew 200 meters above a residential district in Lithuania's capital, Vilnus.

* The latest illegal Russian incursion into Lithuanian airspace, involving two military cargo planes in trasit from Kaliningrad, brazenly coincided with a visit to Lithuania by U.S. Undersecretary of Defense William Slocombe.

Russian troops in Kaliningrad alone--an area of only 15,000 square kilometers-- outnumber all U.S. troops in Europe by a margin of two to one. International attention must be drawn to this inherently destabilizing situation.

For additional information or to co-sponsor H. Con. Res. 51, which is strongly supported by the Balitic-American Freedom League, please call Mark Moller on my staff at 225-5611.

Sincerely,
Christopher Cox

The following members of congress are co-sponsors of the resolution.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION #51
Introduced by Christopher Cox, R-CA 47th Dist.

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